

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0266

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson

Date of Introduction: March 25, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: March 24, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; fiscal year carry-over Ordinance Code waiver; authorization to execute grant agreement; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$5,000 from a Special Council Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account to provide funding for Rakad Dance Camp, Inc., for the Leadership Empowered Arts Program (LEAP). The bill provides for a carryover to FY 25-26 and waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with Rakad Dance Camp, Inc. The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute the grant agreement between the city and the organization. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: Provided by Rakad Dance Camp Inc., LEAP aims to enhance the leadership training of young women ages 12 through 22, particularly those from under-resourced communities in Jacksonville. Rakad Dance Camp, Inc., and LEAP employ transformative initiatives aimed at enriching the cultural and educational framework of Duval County by utilizing the arts, particularly dance, to foster community involvement, personal development, and cultural appreciation. The city funds appropriated by this bill will be used to pay a portion of the salary for a director position to support and oversee LEAP.

The bill also seeks to waive Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), *Ordinance Code*, because LEAP provides a creative opportunity and mechanism for the development of important skills in young women to carry them confidently into the future. The Request for Budget Transfer form for this appropriation indicates that Rakad Dance Camp, Inc., is best suited to provide the program.

Policy Impact Area: Youth development and career readiness

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$5,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account.

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